

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of
Herkimer, New York, held, Monday May 18, 2026 at 7:00
P.M. in Municipal Hall

7:00 P.M. the **Meeting** was called to order by Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth and roll call was taken

PRESENT: Mayor Dana Sherry (excused)
Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth
Trustee Virendranath Dhaniram
Trustee Dominick Scalise
Trustee Howard Quick
Clerk Treasurer Amanda Viscomi
Attorney Vincent Rossi (excused)

Department Heads Present: Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paula Dygert, Police Chief Richard Bowman, Fire Chief Mike Spisak, Street Superintendent Justin Cristman, Water Sewer Superintendent Matt Spisak.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth.

On a motion by Trustee Scalise second by Trustee Quick and carried to approve the minutes of the **Regular Meeting of May 4, 2026**

3. PUBLIC MEETING

The **Public Meeting** was opened at 7:05 pm on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

Donald Foor 219 Harter St. questioned if Mya’s Café was paying the business loan back since he has moved his business to New Hartford. He also asked what could be done with the road where the Thruway Bridge is being repaired.

Since no one else wished to speak the **Public Meeting** was closed at 7:08 pm on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4A. The request from the Herkimer High School student council to have a **Prom Parade** to celebrate end of the school year was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

4B. The request from Herkimer High School to hold the annual **Graduation Parade** was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

4C. The correspondence from Herkimer County IDA notifying the Village of a **BOA Grant Award** was ordered placed on file on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

5. RESOLUTION AND LOCAL LAWS

5A. Resolution # 26-53 RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase the 2025-2026 General fund Budget in the amount of \$ 1,460.00 for funds received from Bailey’s karate for the LEAD Program

A-510 Estimated Revenue	\$1,460.00	
A-2705 Gifts and Donations		\$1,460.00
A-960 Appropriation	\$1,460.00	
A-3120-493 LEAD		\$1,460.00

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7. OLD BUSINESS

7A. There is no Attorney Report

Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth asked Street Superintendent Justin Cristman if the village can paint the **crosswalk** down on Protection Ave. near the Galinsky Apartments.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. The contract with **Strategic Development Specialists, LLC** was approved for a 3 months extension until a new board is in place on s motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

8B. The **resignation of Catherine Holt** as a Police Officer was accepted on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to refer **Police Personnel** to Executive Session.

8C. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to hire **Dan Fox** as a Water/Sewer Maintenance B at a rate of \$22.97. He will follow the CSEA Contract. He will start June 8th.

Water/Sewer Personnel was referred to Executive Session on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to adjourn to **Executive session @ 7:14 pm** to discuss 8B and 8C.

On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to open the **Regular Meeting @ 7:44 pm**.

8B. On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to approve the reinstatement of **Vito Carbone** as an Investigator since it has been less than a year since he resigned. He will have his seniority restored, he will not begin with any balance on his time, he will lose the time he was gone in his total service time. He will receive the benefits under the HPBA contract. Officer Carbone will start sometime before June 1st.

8C. On a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to approve the following **rate increase** for the Water and Sewer Departments.

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| 1. Sewer Treatment Operator | \$ 31.87 |
| 2. Water Foreman | 30.00 |
| 3. Water Filtration Plant Operator | 29.04 |
| 4. Water/ Sewer Maintenance A | 25.69 |
| 5. Water /Sewer Maintenance B | 25.26 |

The **Village Audit** was approved on a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

General Fund	\$ 123,849.34
Water Fund	\$ 13,733.65
Sewer Fund	\$ 16,892.29
Capital Fund	\$ 375,288.61

Since there is no other business, the Regular Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:49 pm on a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Viscomi
Clerk Treasurer